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ELECTIONS

REF: THE HAGUE 4906

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 9 REFTTEL, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
AN EC COMMISSION (OR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STAFF) OFFICIAL
MAY BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE DIRECTLY ELECTED EURO-
PEAN PARLIAMENT(EP) WITHOUT RESIGNING HIS POSITION.
WHILE THE COMMISSION'S STAFF REGULATIONS STATE THAT AN
"OFFICIAL WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE
SHALL APPLY FOR LEAVE ON PERSONAL GROUNDS FOR A PERIOD
NOT EXCEEDING THREE MONTHS", IN PRACTICAL TERMS,
ACCORDING EP STAFF SOURCE, THIS MEANS THAT A COMMISSION
STAFF OFFICIAL SEEKING ELECTIVE OFFICE CAN REMAIN IN
HIS PRESENT JOB UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HE WISHES TO ACTIVELY
CAMPAIGN OR IS ACTUALLY ELECTED(ON THE ASSUMPTION HE WILL
NOT HIT THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL). IF ELECTED TO THE EP AND
WISHING TO RETURN TO THE COMMISSION AT THE END OF HIS TERM
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OF PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE, A COMMISSION OFFICIAL CAN,
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 15 OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS, NEGOTIATE
AN EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY FOR THE PERIOD
HE WILL BE IN THE EP.

2. EP STAFF SOURCE POINTED OUT THERE IS AMPLE
PRECEDENT FOR THIS PROCEDURE, WHICH HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY

USED FOR COMMISSION CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC OFFICE.
SOURCE FURTHER NOTED THAT NONE OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES
HAS ENACTED ELECTORAL LAWS FOR THE EP ELECTIONS COUNTER-
MANDING THE ABOVE PROCEDURE FOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS.
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